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SUBJ: PROPOSED MARCH 29 - APRIL 3, 1976 IRAQ VISIT OF  
FORMER ASTRONAUT STUART A. ROOSA

1. USINT WAS VISITED MARCH 6 BY JHR MOGGRE, AND BY BIG DUTCHMAN INTERNATIONAL'S LOCAL REP SIMON VAN DER VELDE WITH NEWS THAT FORMER US ASTRONAUT, STUART A. ROOSA, NOW EMPLOYED BY BIG DUTCHMAN'S PARENT CORPORATION U.S. INDUSTRIES, INC. (USI), PLANS MAKE GOOD WILL VISIT TO BAGHDAD MARCH 29-APRIL 3, 1976 UNDER USI SPONSORSHIP AND ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MOGGRE. USINT'S ADVICE WAS SOUGHT ON HOW TO APPROACH GOI ABOUT VISIT.

2. MARCH 8 VAN DER VELDE RETURNED TO USINT TO REPORT ON EXPLORATORY MEETING HE HAD HAD IN INTERIM WITH DIRECTOR OF ASTRONOMY AND SPACE, SCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION CENTER (SRFC) OF MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY. INITIAL RESPONSE WAS VERY RPT VERY POSITIVE AND POSSIBILITY  
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OF ROOSA'S MEETING WITH HIGHEST RPT HIGHEST LEVEL PERSONALITIES

IN GOI WAS VOLUNTEERED BY GOI OFFICIALS, WHO ALSO SUGGESTED ROOSA BE PREPARED MEET WITH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS IN PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS OF VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN BAGHDAD. BUT OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT ROOSA WOULD BE RECEIVED AS FORMER ASTRONAUT AND NOT PER SE AS USI EXECUTIVE. THERE SHOULD BE NO SALES ACTIVITIES DURING VISIT. VAN DER VELDE HAS NOW RPT NOW FOLLOWED UP, AS REQUESTED, WITH WRITTEN PROPOSAL TO PRESIDENT OF SRFC AND WILL MEET MARCH 11 WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA). HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN ABOUT VISIT WITH HIS USUAL SENIOR-LEVEL CONTACTS IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ROOSA PLANS TO TRAVEL VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND WILL BE CARRYING A FILM OF APOLLO 14 MISSION.

4. IN MARCH 8 TELECON USINT OFFICER BRIEFED MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON PROPOSED VISIT AND RECEIVED CAUTIOUSLY POSITIVE PRELIMINARY REACTION.

5. COMMENT: USINT STRONGLY SUPPORTS PROPOSED VISIT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OR NASA'S CONTACTING ROOSA TO CONFIRM TRAVEL PLANS. IF VISIT APPROVED, ROOSA WILL PROBABLY BE GIVEN VIP TREATMENT AND CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY. REQUEST THEREFORE NASA AIRPOUCH THIRTY BRIEFING KITS WITH PUBLICITY RELEASES ABOUT APOLLO 14, BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ROOSA, ETC. FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF KIT CONTAINED ARTICLES ABOUT ROOSA'S OR OTHER ASTRONAUTS' APPEARANCES IN ARAB NATIONS OR BEFORE ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OR SIMILAR GROUPS. WE ASSUME USI WILL ACCEPT LIMITATIONS GOI WILL PLACE ON STRICTLY COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED VISIT.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER ROOSA PLANS BRING MOON ROCKS, SPACE PHOTOS OF IRAQ, ETC., FOR PRESENTATION. IF SO, PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS SHOULD BE H.E. FIELD MARSHALL AHMED HASSAN AL-BAKR, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ, H.E. LT. GENERAL SADDAM HUSSAIN AL-TIKRITI, VICE-CHAIRMAN, REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, H.E. GHANIM ABDUL-JALIL, MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, AND DR. NAJI ABDUL KADIR, PRESIDENT, SCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF IRAQ, MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

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